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On 21 March 1955, major troop assemblies were observed in the Jueterbog-Baruth area. Between 60 and 80 camouflaged vehicles were parked south of Mueckendorf. Soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia were seen with the vehicles. A large column including approximately 10 T-34/85 tanks, armored personnel carriers and 37-mm AA guns was seen on the Kemlin-Paplitze road. The column was headed toward Paplitze. Numerous tanks were assembled southeast of Merzdorf. In Petkus, 57-mm AT guns were emplaced on the roads to Jueterbog and Liessen. All motor vehicles were covered by paper.

Comment. Units of the Third Gds Mecz Army presumably conducted an exercise.

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